

GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
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NOTIFICATION

Dated Aizawl, the 7th February, 2022

No.H.11021/1/2020-HFW/133-141 : In the interest of public health and safety and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 (Central Act 3 of 1897), the Government of Mizoram is pleased to issue the following regulations for prevention and containment of Covid-19 (Corona Virus Disease-2019) as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.-

- (1) These regulations may be called 'The Mizoram Epidemic Diseases (Covid-19) Regulations, 2022'.
- (2) They shall extend to the whole State of Mizoram, and the Government may suspend the application of any of these regulations for the whole State or part thereof.
- (3) They shall be deemed to come into force on 17.03.2021.

2. Definitions.- In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Act" means The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.
- (2) "Authorized Persons" means persons authorized under regulation 6 of these regulations.
- (3) "Central Government" means the Government of India.
- (4) "Covid-19" means the Coronavirus disease caused by the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS COV 2) as defined by the World Health Organisation (WHO)/ Government of India.
- (5) "covid care facility" means any facility notified by the Government for isolation and treatment of persons infected by the Covid-19, and includes the facility appointed for home isolation.
- (6) "designated quarantine facility" means any facility declared or approved as such by the Competent Authority under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- (7) "District Disaster Management Authority" means the District Disaster Management Authority constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005.
- (8) "epidemic disease" means Covid-19 (Corona Virus Disease, 2019).
- (9) "Government" means the Government of Mizoram.
- (10) "incident commander" means the Incident Commander appointed by the Deputy Commissioner/ Chairman of the District Disaster Management Authority for the purpose of control of the Covid-19 pandemic;

- (11) "isolate" or "isolation" means to place or placement of an active case of Covid-19 in a covid care facility or a dwelling unit for treatment of the disease.
- (12) "isolation facility" means any facility notified as such by the Government for the purpose of isolation of active cases of Covid-19.
- (13) "Official Gazette" means the Mizoram Gazette.
- (14) "quarantine" means confining a suspected or probable case of Covid-19 to a designated quarantine facility, or to a dwelling unit or part thereof as per order of the competent authority under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, for the purpose of minimising the possibility of direct or indirect contact with other persons for the containment and better prevention of the spread of Covid-19.
- (15) "regulations" means 'The Mizoram Epidemic Diseases (Covid-19) Regulations, 2022'.

3. Duty of hospital to make inquiry on patient.-

- (1) Every hospital shall obtain information on any person approaching it for medical investigation, treatment or hospitalisation as to-
 - (i) whether the person has been in any country, state or area where Covid-19 has been reported during the last 14 days; and
 - (ii) whether the person has come in contact with suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19.
- (2) If the inquiring authority at the hospital has any reason for suspecting that the person is infected with Covid-19, he shall advise the person for immediate screening/ testing for Covid-19 in authorised testing/ screening facility, or if immediate screening of the person is not possible for any reason, the person shall be advised to undergo quarantine as per standing order of the Government; Provided that the hospital authority shall inform the Local/Village Level Task Force (within whose area the person resides) about the advice given under this sub-regulation.
- (3) Any Covid-19 case shall be managed as recommended by the Medical Officer examining him/her, subject to any order of the Government for the time being in force.

4. Screening and testing for Covid-19.-

- (1) Testing of samples or screening of persons for Covid-19 may be conducted at any place/laboratory or time as may be authorised or directed by the Government from time to time by following the guidelines issued in this regard by the Central or State Government from time to time:
Provided that collection and testing of samples shall be done only by qualified personnel, and the Specimen Referral Form ID (SRF ID) shall be generated for each sample tested;
Provided further that all reports of such test or screening, including the Covid-19 positive and negative results, shall be reported to the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project, Mizoram and uploaded in the designated portal.

- (2) No unauthorised person shall test any sample for Covid-19.
- (3) The Government may by notification specify the rate of fee for collection and testing of the samples, and also the category of persons to be exempted from payment thereof.

5. Isolation and treatment of Covid-19 patients.-

- (1) Subject to strict compliance with the guidelines issued from time to time by the Government in this behalf, any person who has been confirmed to be a Covid-19 patient with no symptom or mild symptoms shall be isolated at home if suitable facility and Caregiver can be arranged for such 'home isolation', and if the required facility for home isolation cannot be arranged the patient shall be isolated and treated in the nearest available Covid Care Centre (CCC):

Provided that, as far as practicable, Covid-19 patients having moderate symptoms shall be treated in the Dedicated Covid Health Centre (DCHC), and the patients having severe symptoms shall be treated in the Dedicated Covid Hospital (DCH)

OR

Treated only in the facility appointed by the Government, such as, Covid Care Centre (CCC):

Provided further that for isolation of Covid-19 patients, feasibility of placing the patients in home isolation shall be surveyed before moving them to any Covid Care facility.

- (2) The Government may specify the cost of treatment of Covid-19 patients in the Covid care facilities and hospitals (Government and non-Government), including the manner of payment thereof, or exemption therefrom.

6. Authorized Persons to act under these Regulations.-

(1) State level:

- (a) Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department.
- (b) Secretary, Home Department.
- (c) Secretary, Disaster Management and Rehabilitation Department
- (d) Principal Director, Health and Family Welfare Department.
- (e) Director, Health Services.
- (f) Director, Hospital & Medical Education.
- (g) Mission Director, National Health Mission.
- (h) Director, Zoram Medical College.
- (i) State Nodal Officer, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme.
- (j) Joint Director, Food & Drugs Administration.
- (k) Airport Director, Lengpui Airport.
- (l) Deputy Superintendent of Police, Airport Security, Lengpui Airport.

(2) **District level:**

- (a) District Collector/Deputy Commissioner.
- (b) Commissioner, Aizawl Municipal Corporation.
- (c) Superintendent of Police.
- (d) Chief Medical Officer.
- (e) Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil).
- (f) Incident Commanders.
- (g) Block Development Officer.
- (h) Medical Superintendent/ DMS, District Hospital.
- (i) Senior Medical Officer/District Surveillance Officer.
- (j) Medical Officer In-charge of Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC)/ Primary Health Centre (PHC)/ Sub-District Hospital (SDH)/ Community Health Centre (CHC)/ Covid Care Centre (CCC) or Home Isolation.
- (k) Assistant Director, Food & Drugs Administration.
- (l) Police personnel, not below the rank of Sub-Inspector,

(3) **Village / Locality level:**

Chairman, Village/Local Level Task Force on Covid-19 constituted in pursuance of the instructions given by the Government for the prevention and containment of the outbreak and spread of Covid-19 (within their respective jurisdictions).

- (4) Any other person(s) authorized by the Government from time to time by notification in the Official Gazette.

7. Powers and functions of authorised persons.-

- (1) In cases where any person is required to be placed-

- (a) under quarantine as per relevant order issued by the Government from time to time, or
- (b) in home isolation or Covid care facility, as per existing protocol, the authorized persons under these regulations shall have the power to forcefully admit and/or isolate such person in quarantine or, as the case may be, in Covid care facility or in home-isolation as per existing protocol issued by the Central Government/ State Government from time to time.

- (2) If there are sufficient reasons or on a credible information received a person is suspected or believed to be infected with Covid-19 and his continued presence in any premises or area is hazardous to the public health and safety, it shall be lawful for an authorized person(s) or persons to enter upon any such premises or area after giving reasonable opportunity to the owner/occupier, for the purpose of surveillance of instances of Covid-19 symptoms, enquire into or undertake physical examination as he/she thinks fit, and such suspected person(s) shall be bound to co-operate and render all possible assistance to facilitate such surveillance, inspection, enquiry and examination:

Provided that if, consequent upon such inquiry, inspection, examination or otherwise, the authorized person (s) has reason to believe or suspect that such a person could be infected with Covid-19, the authorized person(s) shall direct or arrange to put that person(s) in quarantine facility or Covid Care facility designated or appointed by the Government or the Deputy Commissioner concerned from time to time for isolation and/or treatment of cases as per protocol issued by the Central Government/ State Government from time to time.

- (3) The authorised person may also undertake any other preventive and containment measures as instructed by the Government from time to time for the prevention and containment of the outbreak and spread of Covid-19.

8. Powers of the Chief Secretary and the Deputy Commissioners.-

- (1) The **Chief Secretary & Chairman of the State Executive Committee of the State Disaster Management Authority, Mizoram** shall have the power to implement and execute all the preventive and containment measures mentioned in these regulations in cases where such measures are necessary, or expedient in the public interest to be implemented and executed **in the entire State of Mizoram** to prevent and contain the outbreak and spread of Covid-19.

- (2) In cases of compelling reasons and on sufficient grounds where it is necessary and required to use certain preventive and containment measures to prevent and contain the outbreak and spread of Covid-19 within any District or any part thereof in the State of Mizoram, the **Deputy Commissioners & Chairmen of the District Disaster Management Authority** within their respective Districts, may implement and execute, but not limited to, the following preventive and containment measures, in order to prevent and contain the outbreak and spread of Covid-19 namely-

- (a) Sealing of geographical area.
- (b) Barring entry and exit.
- (c) Closure of schools, offices, institutions or any establishments.
- (d) Closure of shops, malls, market places and other public places.
- (e) Banning public gatherings.
- (f) Banning vehicular movement.
- (g) Initiating active and passive surveillance of Covid-19 cases.
- (h) Hospital isolation of suspected cases.
- (i) Designating any building as a quarantine facility or containment unit for isolation of the cases.
- (j) Requisitioning any facility for use as Covid care centre.
- (k) Any other measures as directed by the Government from time to time to prevent and contain the spread of Covid-19.

(3) Whenever any measure mentioned in sub-regulation (1) is implemented within any area, any Staff of all Departments under the Government of Mizoram, and the staff of Autonomous District Council, subject to prior concurrence of the Autonomous District Council concerned, working in such area shall be at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner for discharging the duty of preventive and containment measures. If required, the District Collector/ Deputy Commissioner may requisition the services of any other person or persons.

9. Authorization of District Disaster Management Authority for planning strategy etc. regarding preventive and containment measures.-

Subject to the direction and supervision of the Government, the District Disaster Management Authority shall undertake all necessary measures for prevention and containment of Covid-19 in any District, such as planning, organizing, coordinating and implementing measures in accordance with extant acts, rules, regulations and guidelines, or as deemed appropriate, in the interest of the public. The District Disaster Management Authority may co-opt other officers from different Departments or local bodies, community based organizations or any NGO's, as deemed necessary for this purpose. In addition, services may be outsourced and persons may be engaged under short term contracts:

Provided that if the measures to be taken are likely to involve expenditure from the Government account, concurrence of the appropriate authority in the Government shall be obtained prior to implementation of such measures.

10. Prohibition of dissemination of unauthenticated and inaccurate information of Mizoram on Covid-19.- No person/ institution/ organization/ establishment shall disseminate any unauthenticated and inaccurate information in any manner with regard to information relating to Mizoram on Covid-19:

Provided that with regard to the information of Mizoram on Covid-19, only such information that is/are officially published by the Government of Mizoram in the Health & Family Welfare Department through its Principal Director and State Surveillance Officer of the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme, or the Department of Information and Public Relations shall be treated as authentic and accurate information.

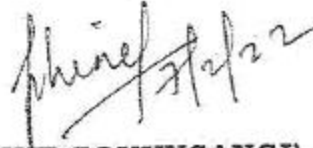
11. **Duties and responsibilities of every person staying within the State of Mizoram.-**
- (1) Subject to the guidelines or order of the Government for the time being in force, all travellers coming from any other country, state or area outside the State of Mizoram, on their arrival, shall report himself/herself to the Covid-19 Screening Point designated by the Government for screening.
 - (2) Any person who is required by any order issued under these regulations to furnish information for any purpose shall give the correct information.
 - (3) In case of any issue which requires attention for prevention, control and treatment of Covid-19 infections, the matter shall be reported immediately to the Medical Officer within whose jurisdictional area such issue arises, or Helpline No. 102 (Toll Free) / 0389-2318336/ 0389-2323336/ 0389 2322336.
12. **Further Orders and Guidelines.-** The Government may issue any further orders and guidelines as may be deemed necessary for the control of the spread of Covid-19 and for treatment of Covid-19 patients.
13. **Offences and penalties.-** Whosoever contravenes any of the provisions of these regulations or any further order and guidelines issued by the Government under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, or obstructs the performance of functions, duties and responsibilities enshrined upon any person or authority under these regulations, shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).
14. **Protection of action taken in good faith.-** No suit, prosecution or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Government or any person authorized under these regulations for anything which is done or intended to be done in good faith under these regulations.
15. **Validity of the regulations.-** These regulations shall remain valid, unless suspended or rescinded earlier by the Government, for a period of one year from the date of commencement as prescribed under regulation 1.
Provided that the Government may extend by notification in official Gazette the validity of these regulations not exceeding one year at a time.

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